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SEVERAL EQUIPMENT BIDS OPENED AND TABLED SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY COUNTY ENGINEER

County Commission approves temporary courthouse annex

by Marvin McLain - Editor

Presiding over Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission, in absence of Chairman Tom Grimsley, was Vice Chairman Doug Dalrymple.

The major items of business in the bi-monthly meeting were: official designation of temporary facilities to house county offices during construction of new Enterprise Courthouse and operating rules.

It took several minutes of discussion and motion making to get it done, but commissioners finally agreed to designate the old Enterprise Post Office building as a court house annex.

This action had to be taken in order to make it legal for the county offices presently housed in the Enterprise Courthouse Annex to be relocated.

Also, the commission had to designate a location to hold court during the construction phase of the new

court house. After several minutes of discussion, and an amendment to the original motion, commissioners designated the Enterprise Civic Center located on South Main Street and/or the Enterprise Civic Center located on Crawford Street as the locations where court will be held.

The amendment to the motion to designate these two locations as court locations dealt with signifying that this applied to court cases having to do with the Enterprise Division.

The motion, along with the amendment, was approved in a 5-1 vote with Commissioner Kaye Lewis casting the lone dissenting vote.

The date specified by the commissioners was June 23, marking the effective date for these two actions is Monday, June 23, 1997.

Should the above deadline set not be met, the commission will set another date at its next regular bi-monthly meeting which will be on June 23.

All bids on the dump trucks were tabulated until they could be reviewed by the county engineer, Randy Tindell. Tindell had to miss Monday's meeting due to illness.

The other major item of business was the opening of bids on equipment for the county highway department.

First, bids were opened on two eight-cylinder dump trucks.

Dowling Tractor & Tractor Company of Enterprise submitted a bid of \$39,300.00 per unit F.O.B. New Brockton. A lease option was quoted at \$757.32 per month per unit for 60 months based on an annual interest rate of 5.869 percent.

The second bid was submitted by Bondy's Ford. It was \$36,097.52 F.O.B. New Brockton per unit with a 60-month lease option of \$1,434.37 per month based on an annual interest rate of 5.869 percent.

These bids were also tabled subject to review by Tindell.

The final bids opened were on a motorgrader to be used for preparing roads for paving. Thompson Tractor of Dothan, AL, Flint Equipment of Troy, AL, Joe Rooney Machinery of Dothan, AL, and Tractor & Equipment Company of Montgomery, AL all submitted bids on this piece of equipment.

Each of their bids was as follows: Thompson bid \$137,309.00 with a 60-month lease option of \$2,656.75 per month (based on an annual interest rate of 6.25 percent); Flint's bid was \$141,900.00 with a 60-month lease option of \$2,761.38

per month (based on an annual interest rate of 6.5 percent); Joe Rooney bid \$105,764.00 with a 60-month lease option of \$2,039.00 per month (based on an annual interest rate of 5.869 percent); and Tractor & Equipment bid \$125,850.00 with a 60-month lease option of \$2,413.80 per month (based on an annual interest rate of 5.869 percent).

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mission appropriate \$300 to be used to fund this project. The commission unanimously approved the request.

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TWO OTHER ACCIDENTS SEND TWO TO AREA HOSPITALS

Two die in unrelated auto crashes

by Marvin McLain - Editor

The driver of the 1993 Ford garbage truck, Thomas McCall II, 24, of Andalusia, AL, was not hurt in the crash.

The second unrelated accident occurred shortly after 9:00 a.m. on AL Hwy. 134 near the Iro Community.

A 1993 Freightliner semi-tractor trailer loaded with logs, driven by Mark Quinton Wood, 25, of Coffee Springs, AL, overturned in a sharp

curve.

Wood was taken to Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp by a unit of the Opp Rescue Squad where he was treated and released.

Both accidents were investigated by Alabama State Trooper Dale Cobb. Assisting Trooper Cobb at the two accident scenes were units from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

COUNCILMAN BANNIN CONCERNED ABOUT HIRING PRACTICES

Elba City Council tables appointment

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

"The Lord told me to do it," is what City Council member Harold Bannin told the Elba City Council and the press Monday night the main purpose of a school board appointment.

Bannin explained that the Lord told him to run for the office and when he asked "Why?" he was told, "because he wanted to do some new things."

Bannin continued, saying he prayed him and while Lord spoke to him, "Rose Reader" was the name he spoke for the school board appointment." He said Mrs. Russell was a COGIC missionary, a grandmother and retired with 20 years service from the Department of Human Resources.

Bannin told the group that enrollment in the Elba school system is down from 1939 to 1970 to 1060 now. "If it is decreasing, maybe we should start looking at what is going on," he added.

The council member acknowledged that the grapevine works fast in Elba and he gets fast phone calls since he made it known he was supporting a change on the school board. Bannin said he had found out that emotions run pretty deep in Elba, Alabama.

The only other name that has been mentioned publicly is incumbent Daniel Stephens. Bannin said Stephens told him he would serve

to allow practical, eye pleasing two story expansion if and when necessary by adding offices to each side of the building.

The first floor contains most of the courthouse offices with the second floor being used for judge's offices, courtrooms and related facilities.

Total cost of the facility, additional working spaces purchased and built by the county is estimated at about \$444 million dollars. The City of Enterprise has pledged \$250,000 toward the additional land purchase. They paid half that amount in 1997 and will pay the balance in 1998.

Presently, county maintenance crews are working to convert the building to a courthouse. The building is located just behind the existing Enterprise courthouse. The building will house county offices during the construction time for the new facility. The new facility is being constructed at the site of the existing building.

Skinner Grain and Fertilizer Company of Enterprise was low bidder on demolition of the old courthouse and a small frame building beside the courthouse. This work will be done within 10 days of the building being vacated and will cost \$32,000.

Officer Jackson & Ceasar bids on the demolition ranged up to \$35,000.

The Coffee County Building Authority, appointed by the Alabama State Troopers, is investigating the investigation of the 12th Judicial Circuit Disbarment Attorney's Office and the Alabama Department of Forensic Science.

Earlier in the day Friday, there were two other accidents which sent two persons to area hospitals.

One was a head-on collision between a Lincoln and a garbage truck on Alabama Road 640 at approximately 7:40 a.m.

The driver of the Lincoln, David Parker, 41, of Coffee Springs, AL, was taken to Medical Center Enterprise by a unit of the Enterprise Rescue Squad. He was admitted to the hospital and was listed in stable condition.

Meet Your Elba Police Officers

Meet Police Officer Kenneth Jackson. Kenneth is a native of Orlando, FL and has been a member of the Elba Police Department for just over 2 years.

Officer Jackson has more than 19 years of experience in the field of law enforcement.

Presently, he is assigned as the department's representative on the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force and also the department's canine officer.

Kenny's partner, Ceasar, also serves on the Drug Task Force in addition to his other departmental duties.

Jackson has received special training as a K-9 handler and in NCCIC (National Criminal Information Center) work.

"Being a public servant and being there for people in a time of need is what I like most about being a police officer," said Jackson. "There's nothing I dislike."

He is the son of his father, also a police officer, on patrol duty as his most memorable experience as a policeman.

The one thing Ken would change in Elba, if he could, is the flood problem.

His three wishes for the police

department would be: one - new equipment; two - be a department that stand above the rest; and three - have all the manpower needed.

Officer Jackson's hobbies include hunting, fishing and working with old cars. He also enjoys his church work.

The bonds sold by the building authority to cover the construction Please see Courthouse - Page 6



Officer Jackson & Ceasar

The building is being constructed to comply with all existing accessibility laws and includes two wheelchair access ramps at the front plus a rear elevator which can be accessed by handicapped courthouse employees.

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of the Summer Reading Program. The Summer Library Program for the Elba Public Library will begin Thursday (TODAY), June 12. Designed for students going to grades 2 through 5, this program will be from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. every Thursday through July 17. The theme for the program is "Rock, Rhythm and Read" and offers fun possibilities for these six weeks. Children can register at the first session.

EIGH BLOOD DRIVE. The Elba General Hospital will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, June 24, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Those living or working in the Elba area are encouraged to take part in this blood drive. Giving blood is easy, simple and safe. To donate you must be at least 17 years of age, and weigh at least 110 pounds and have not given in the past 56 days. There is no age limit for senior citizens if they are in good health.

NEW BROCKTON OFFICE CLOSING. The Town of New Brockton's Water Department and Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office will be closed on Wednesday, June 18. Personnel from both offices will be attending a training session on that day.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Adultery - suddenly all America has taken on a hoier than thou attitude and we are going back 15 years, finding admitted cases of adultery and using it as an excuse to do away with otherwise qualified leaders - at least in the military, if not in elected offices. Never mind that the individual was separated, and later divorced from their spouses. The most recent case is the refusal to consider a general for promotion to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Somehow, we don't really care who gets that job, but we do wonder who will get the chance to take that important job we were in line for and now can't have. You see, in 1961 (or maybe 1962) we went to a watermelon cutting one afternoon with a girl who was supposed to be going steady with someone else! To compound our sin, we confided with her to conceal the fact she was out over an hour that afternoon past her 4 p.m. curfew when she, like the other two student nurses at our watermelon cutting, was supposed to be in the dorm studying!

Sue Messick, now of Niceville, Fl., is the former Elba resident who won part of the Florida lottery week before last. She got \$3.23 million, or \$161,500 per year for the next 20 years. Not one to mess around, Messick was in Tallahassee on the next Monday to claim her winnings. While in Elba, she worked at Elba General Hospital. We congratulate her and hopes she has a long time to enjoy her good fortune.

There was a display ad in the paper last week announcing a public meeting in Elba to discuss the proposed 4-laning of U. S. 84 from Enterprise to Andalusia. Elba folks need to pay attention to these meetings ... after the decisions are made and the bids let, there is no turning back, regardless of how much someone might dislike the route, etc. The meeting is set for Tuesday, July 8th at the Elba Elementary School. The time is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. These things are informal, a person can just look at the maps, they can ask questions, submit written opinions, or all of the above. This thing is beginning to roll down hill. The feds have already reviewed and approved the required environmental assessments for this project.

Dumb lawsuits ... yep, we heard of another. It seems this lawyer filed, on behalf of a dead man's family, a suit charging a retail firm (and the city) failed to maintain a safe environment. The man killed was reportedly in the process of robbing the store! Plus we think maybe they had shot or beat a store clerk. The lawyer dropped the suit when he discovered the man was killed by a customer in the store (who probably didn't have any money or insurance). They are now debating filing a suit against the first lawyer to recover the legal fees incurred from the filing.

Worth magazine has again published a list of the richest towns in America. No, Elba is not on the list. In fact there is not one Alabama community listed. New York and Florida were well represented, with medium homes selling from \$250,000 to the one million dollar range. One of the communities listed had about 40 residents. Buddy, you can bet those folks knew what their neighbors were doing and who might have been visiting them!

Lt Governor Don Siegleman, who also was once Alabama's top law enforcer as Attorney General, is not immune to being a crime victim. Last weekend someone went into his garage and stole his automobile. The convertible was found later with the radio removed and some relatively minor dents and scratches. Sorry, Gov ... we just haven't jailed enough of them crooks yet ... if that is possible.

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies



COFFEE COUNTY EMS OFFICIALLY OPENS...Participants in the ribbon cutting ceremony are shown in a group photo.



TAYLOR MILL OAKS OPENS...Pictured above are those individuals taking part in the official ribbon cutting ceremony. They are (l-r): Executive Director of Elba C of C Barbara Hudson, Junior Miss Elba Cammie Kelley, Elba Chamber of Commerce President Melba Hollinghead, Miss Elba Elizabeth Sibley, First Little Miss Elba Brittany Chestnut, Little Miss Elba Jessica Johnson, Corrine Daniels, Katelyn Calhoun, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Taylor Mill Oaks owners Katrina and Kenneth Calhoun, and Barry Giles.



ELBA SKATING RINK NOW IN OPERATION...An official grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was held recently. Those participating in the event are pictured above. They are (l-r): Director of Elba C of C Barbara Hudson, Junior Miss Elba Cammie Kelley, Elba Chamber of Commerce President Melba Hollinghead, Miss Elba Elizabeth Sibley, First Little Miss Elba Brittany Chestnut, Little Miss Elba Jessica Johnson, Future Little Miss Elba Brittany Chestnut, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Pasco Lindsey, ESR owner Marie Lindsey, Barry Giles, Lisa Lindsey McClung, and Richard Lovorn. Several other unidentified participants are in the picture.

LET US ORDER YOUR RUBBER STAMPS
The Elba Clipper
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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following personnel appointed during the month of June, 3, 1997 through June 9, 1997. They were: Michael Flowers, James Martin, Shannon Carter, Zeb Scott, Celia Allen, James Lively, Newton King, Kevin Burke, and Edna Russell.

Patients during the same period of time were: Robert Sanders, Curtis Rushing, Wayne Flowers, Vetric Coleman, Michael Flowers, Christine Bradley, John Danley, Charlotte Blackmon, James Martin, and Marilyn Donaldson.

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

In last week's edition of The Elba Clipper in the "Meet Your Elba Police Officers" article on the front page, Freddy Haney, was listed as being a native of Brantley, AL. This was incorrect. Freddy is a native of Elba, Alabama. We apologize for the error and are pleased to make this correction.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

JUNE 2 Thru JUNE 8, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 2, 1997, investigated the following incidents: two DUIs, three assaults, three criminal mischiefs, one rape, five thefts of property, one harassing communication, seven harassments, one damage to city property, one possession of a controlled substance, one theft of services, and one damaged property.

Arrests were as follows: one for assault, five for harassment, and one for criminal trespass.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for failure to yield, one for illegal driving, one license suspended, two for DUI, twelve for speeding, one for no tag, two for an expired tag, one for reckless driving, and one for improper passing.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, JUNE 3 - River stage - 5.70 feet (6:36 a.m.); River stage - 5.25 feet (8:08 a.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy, 134W (9:15 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Williams St. (7:16 p.m.); Prowler reported at First Baptist Church (8:45 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 - River stage - 5.25 feet (6:36 a.m.); Prowler reported at a residence on Williams

THURSDAY, JUNE 5 - River stage - 4.06 feet (6:42 a.m.); Prowler reported on Williams St. (11:22 a.m.); Fight reported in Morrow Village (2:39 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Hickman Ave. (3:28 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 - River stage - 5.73 feet (6:35 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Brunson Circle (7:40 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on Co. Rd. 231 (5:39 p.m.); Prowler reported at a residence on AL Hwy, 87N (11:37 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 - River stage - 4.06 feet (6:42 a.m.); Prowler reported on Williams St. (11:22 a.m.); Fight reported in Morrow Village (2:39 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy, 87N (11:37 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JUNE 6 - River stage - 5.70 feet (6:36 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (7:22 p.m.); Prowler reported at Mullins Apt. (8:17 p.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (9:33 p.m.).

ST. (7:48 p.m.): Subject reported with a gun, in a vehicle, on Herman Driggers Dr. (10:51 p.m.).

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Socials, Community and Church News

Miss Hall & Mr. Logan announce wedding plans

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Stephens of Marbury, and the late William Joseph Hall announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina Ann Marie, to John Logan of Elba, AL and Mrs. John Logan of Montgomery and Mrs. Jean McAllister of Elba.

A June 21, 1997 wedding is planned at Apostolic Pentecostal Church in Prattville, AL.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Johnson and the late James Monroe Johnson. She is a graduate of Carver Senior High School. She is employed by Jim Massey's Inc. of Montgomery.

The bride-to-be is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Johnson and the late Eddie Marler and Mr. Orsic Marler of Florida. He is employed by Edwards Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning of Montgomery.

NOTICE

Anyone interested in donating to the care and upkeep of the Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery may do so by sending it to Bethany Baptist Church, Rt. 1 Box 190, New Brockton, AL 36351.



Mr. Logan & Miss Hall

Coale - Watson wedding to be held August 2

Mr. and Mrs. Mark S. Coale of Elba, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jane Elizabeth (Betsy), to Jeffrey Paul Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Watson of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. and Mr. Mark S. Coale and the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wilson Coale of Brewton, AL. Ms. Coale is a 1995 graduate of Zion Chapel High School in Jack, AL and is currently employed with Hibbett Sporting Goods of Enterprise, AL.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Rosa Pearl Watson of Coffee Springs, AL and



Miss Coale & Mr. Watson

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Activities include coloring, art puzzles, reading, games, contests with prizes, group dancing, and presenting a one-act play.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF STUDENTS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED.

New and transfer students are welcome to apply.

Telephone: 334-493-4858

Macon - Lawless wedding planned for Saturday, June 28

Heather Macon and Scott Lawless announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Heather is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Macon of Elba, AL. Scott is the son of Don and Kay Mack and John and Linda Lawless of Elba, AL.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. James Harvey Macon of Elba, AL. She is a 1990 graduate of Elba High School. She is employed at Jack and Jill Daycare Center.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Johnson and Mrs. Eddie Marler of Elba, AL and the great grandson of Mrs. Lillie Johnson of Elba, AL. He is a 1987 graduate of Elba High School. He is employed with Trans-Ocean Off Shore Drilling Co.

The wedding will be held at 5:00 p.m. June 28, 1997 at Whitewater Baptist Church.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

LIBRARY NOTES

Last Thursday, June 5, the Elba Public Library had a record breaking day. The circulation count was two thousand and three hundred and forty high. That number of books, magazines, and tapes were (or) checked out. No count of check-in was made, but it is believed that it was close behind check-outs.

The library will begin our summer reading program next week, and even greater things are expected to be happening for the next six weeks.

Special concert to be held at Enterprise Church of God

The Enterprise Church of God will be having a special concert from Molara Ministries on Sunday evening, June 29, at 6:00 p.m. The church is located at 1603 East Park Avenue in Enterprise, AL. For more information call 347-6118. This is a love-offering concert.

Revival services to be held at Eanon Baptist Church

Revival services will be held June 16-20, at 6:00 each night at Eanon Baptist Church in the Old Snellgrove's Mill Community. Everyone is welcomed to attend. Bernard Strickland is pastor.

The ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m., August 2, 1997 at New Haven Baptist Church of Elba. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

All relatives and friends are invited to attend.



Tole and Decorative Painting course to be offered at ESJC

**Tole and Decorative Painting is such a popular special interest course, Enterprise State Junior College offers it each quarter. For summer quarter this course is scheduled for Tuesdays, June 24 - July 29, 6 - 9 p.m. Registration deadline is June 17.

As always this course provides instruction for beginners and advanced painters. Painting will be done with acrylics on wood or metal.

Students will learn how to prepare a project to be painted, how to select proper tools and materials, and how to use appropriate brush strokes.

The fee for this course is \$30 for the course. Students may bring their own supplies (bring them to first class meeting), or they may purchase supplies for approximately \$30 - \$50.

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Girl's softball leagues are staying busy

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Following are highlights of last week's games:

***The Chiefs staged a late rally to down the Cubbies 9-7, in 10 and Under action. The Cubbies jumped ahead 7-5 in the fifth inning, only to see the Chiefs rally for 10. It was Becky Stinson got 3 hits to lead the Chiefs, while Stephanie Baxley and Kasi McDonald both added 2. Rosyana Flowers and Cassy Cooper got 2 hits each for the Cubbies.

Giants stay on top in Coach-Pitch baseball

The Boy's Coach-Pitch Baseball League, sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, headed into the homestretch last week with the Giants remaining the team to beat.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

***The Rangers staged a late rally to down the Athletics 15-13. The Athletics jumped out to an early 8-1 lead, only to see the Giants rally late to pull the win. Brad Sullivan, Jim Jared, Daniel Mashburn and Jason Johnson all got 3 hits to lead the

Giants, while Chase Boutwell, Sam Williams, Austin Parrish, Colton Creel and Blake Qua's all added 2. Hale Berry, Bud Jackson and Anton Williams all got 3 hits to lead the Athletics, while Justin Hammoms and Brandon Henderson both added 2.

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Majors and Pre-Majors teams struggle through so-so week

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Jammers finish in fourth place at Powerade softball tourney

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Barrel racing to begin July 12

The first run of the Opp Saddle Club's "Barrel Racing Series" will be held on July 12 at 5:00 PM.

There will be classes for all ages and levels of experience, and a nov-

ice barrel racing clinic will be held prior to the barrel race, beginning at 9:00 AM.

For more information, call 222-

9072 or 222-3892.

The Jammers opened tournament action against the Elites, from Phoenix City, and led all the way to claim a wild 15-9 win. The Jammers owned a 13-5 lead in the fifth inning and held on for the win. Lindsey Jackson, Heather Williams and Ruth Dykes all got 3 hits to lead the Jammers, while Bonnie Vaughan added 3 and Michelle Lewis, Amber Frederick and Tyisha Tyson all added 2.

The Jammers committed five errors in the final three innings to allow the Atlanta Renegades to escape with a win. The Jammers jumped out to an early 4-1 lead, but failed to hold on and took the loss. Michelle Lewis got 3 hits to lead the Jammers, while Bonnie Vaughan added 3 and Michelle Lewis, Amber Frederick and Tyisha Tyson all added 2.

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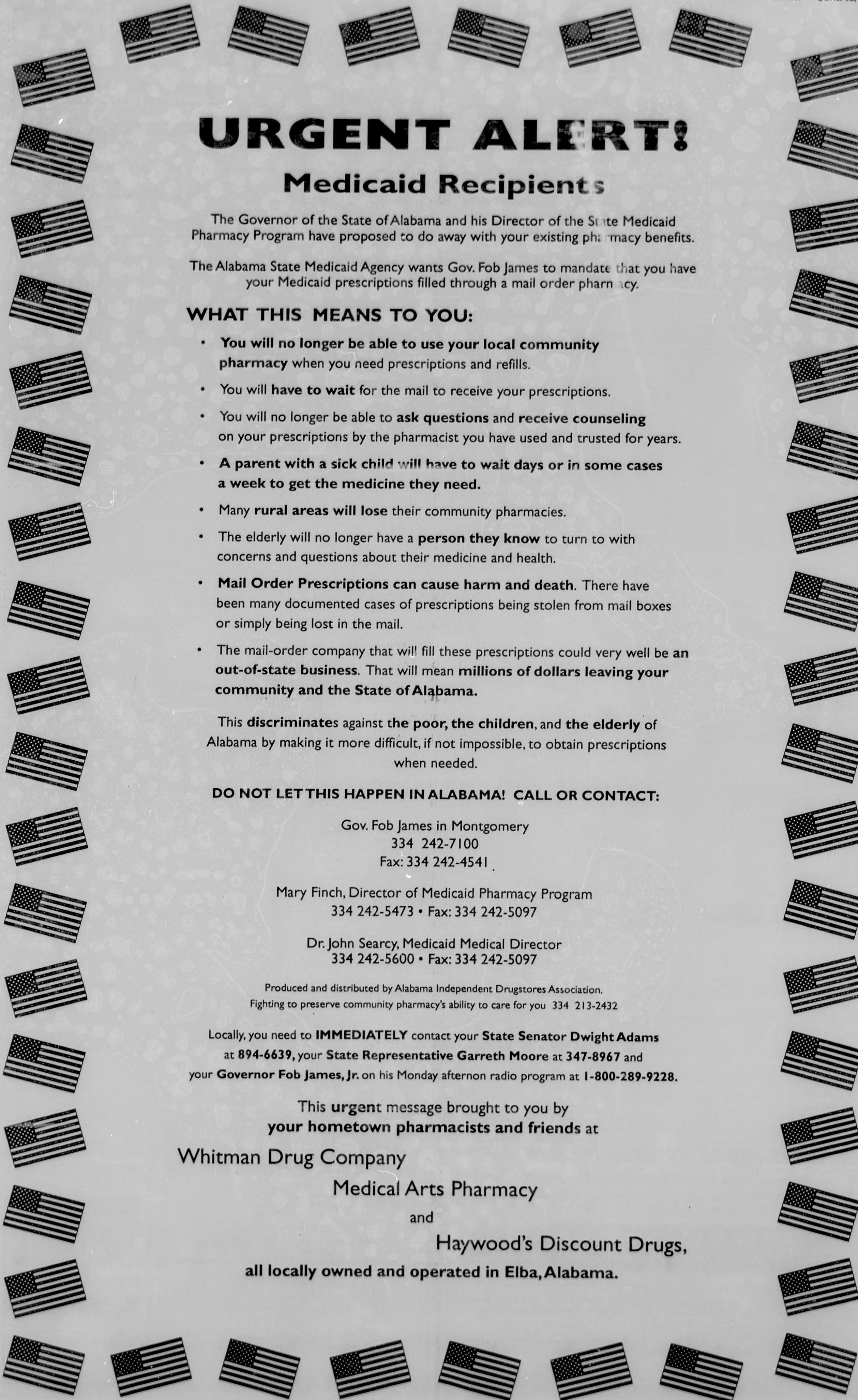
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- Many rural areas will lose their community pharmacies.**
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Art Williams visits Mr. Rogers' neighborhood

(Editor's Note: The following article was published in *The Troy Progress* and is special to *The Elba Clipper*. Jason Treadwell, editor of *The Troy Progress*, wrote the article.)

It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood when Art Williams sat down at a piano in Studio A to play for a man who had been a major force in his life.

As he played the title song from public television's longest running program, *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*, the man himself, Fred Rogers, began to sing softly, "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood."

For Art Williams, this performance was one of the most special moments in his life. For years, he had admired the man who invited him each day into his neighborhood. For young Art Williams, Mr. Rogers' neighborhood was a fascinating and wonderful place. Mr. Rogers had an wonderful gift. He would give it to you and you would always believe that you wanted to do something bodily enough that you could do it.

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